NASA Science Mission Directorate Earth Science Division Applied Sciences Program



Water Resources Program Review September 5-6, 2012



Goal for the next 2 days



- Review of Current Projects
- Discuss Program requirements and resources
- Identify Opportunities and Challenges
 - √ FY2013 Implementation Plan
 - ✓ FY2014-2018 Strategic Plan

Water Resources Application Area Associate Program Managers



Karen Mohr, Research Meteorologist, NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center

Numerical modeling and observation of land/atmosphere interaction, convective initiation, and organized convective systems using surface, upper air, remote sensing (radar, visible/IR, passive microwave), and reanalysis data and GIS. Special emphasis on the surface hydrology, weather, and short-term climate of semi-arid regions (e.g., Southern Great Plains, West Africa).

Water Resources Application Area Associate Program Managers



Forrest Melton, Sr. Research Scientist, California State University Monterey Bay – NASA Ames Research Center Cooperative

Since 2003, Forrest has worked in the Ecological Forecasting Lab at NASA Ames Research Center on the development of the Terrestrial Observation and Prediction System (TOPS) and the NASA Earth Exchange (NEX). His research interests include ecosystem and carbon cycle modeling, and applications of satellite data and ecosystem models to improve management of natural resources. Forrest holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Earth Systems Science from Stanford University, and has co-authored more than twenty papers and book chapters on applications of remote sensing.

Roles and Responsibilities



HQ – Program Managers

- Budget Planning and Current-Year Phasing
- Decisions on Project selection, including funding approval
- Decisions on Project renewals and augmentations, including funding
- Grant/award (project)
 processing procurement
 processing (i.e., RAPTOR)

Associates

- Input to budget planning
- Routine contact with PIs for project status
- Project tracking fund receipt verification, reports, project costing
- Recommendations to PMs on project renewals (or modifications, cancellations)

Note: Discussions with resource analyst can aid Associates regarding obligations and costing on individual projects

A.34: Key Statistics: Recommended Proposals

Start Date ~ 1 June 2012 Down Select ~ 29 May 2013??

Key Issues:

- Minimize time from Final Report to Downselect Start crucial
 - SC approval of Downselect process needed prior to next May
- · Standardize Reporting

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PI Last name	Title	Proposing Organization
VERDIN	Fallowed Area Mapping for Drought Impact Reporting and Decision Making	GEOLOGICAL SURVEY US DEPT
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JUDGE	Integration of remote sensing observations and a web- based decision support system for managing impacts of agricultural droughts on crop yields in heterogeneous landscapes	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
BIRKETT	The Global Reservoir and Lake Monitor (GRLM): Expansion and Enhancement of Water Height Products.	UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
MELTON	Mitigation of Drought Impacts on Agriculture through Satellite Irrigation Monitoring and Management Support	NASA AMES RESEARCH CENTER
VIVONI	Cloud Computing-based Delivery of Drought Information at Multiple Scales	ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
JUSTICE	Global monitoring of agricultural drought: A contribution to GEO GLAM	UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
DOZIER	Assessing Water Resources in Remote, Sparsely Gauged, Snow-Dominated Mountain Basins	UC, SANTA BARBARA
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MARGULIS	Investigating the Feasibility of Incorporating Remote Sensing and Earth Science Datasets into Existing Frameworks for Improving Water Supply and Drought Forecasts in California	UC, LOS ANGELES
Wardlow	The Quick Drought Response Index (QuickDRI): An Integrated Approach for Rapid Response Agricultural Drought Monitoring	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN

.....with Stakeholders



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WARDLOW		UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN	U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR		

Project Portfolio

Solicitation Name	NASA Proposal Number	PI LastName	PI FirstName		Associate
Decisions 2007	07-DEC07-0047	Cai	Ximing	Developing Seasonal Predictive Capability for Drought Mitigation Decision Support System	N/A
	707-DEC07-0099	Cline	Don	Benchmarking NASA Snow Research Results in NWS Hydrological Decision Support	Mohr
Decisions 2008	08-DEC08-0027	Lehrter	John C	Satellite Earth Image Products Applied to Development of Regulatory Water Quality Standards	Mohr
Decisions 2008	08-DEC08-0101	Macauley	Molly K	Improving Water Quality Management: Use of Earth Observations in SPARROW	Mohr
Decisions 2008	08-DEC08-0135	Sorooshian	Soroosh	Enhancing California's Water Resource Management and Decision Support System to Address Impacts of Climate Change	Melton
Decisions 2008	08-DEC08-0070	Verdin	James	A Land Data Assimilation System for Famine Early Warning	Melton
Decisions 2008	08-DEC08-0053	Zaitchik	Benjamin F	Project Nile: Distributed hydrological information for water management in the Nile basin	Mohr
Feasibility 2008	08-FEAS08-0069	Shrestha	Roshan K	A Proto-type Land Surface OSSE Testbed for Obtaining High Resolution Soil Moisture Data for Decision Support Needs	N/A
Feasibility 2008	08-FEAS08-0044	Spiering	Bruce A	Estuary Variance Map for In Situ Sample Station Placement	N/A
Decisions 2007	07-DEC07-0029	Birkett	Charon	The Global Reservoir and Lake Monitoring System: Enhancing the USDA/FAS DSS with NASA, NRL and ESA Satellite Radar Altimeter Data	Mohr
Decisions 2007	07-DEC07-0023	Hansen	Matthew C	Integrating MODIS crop characterization capabilities with AWiFS and agricultural survey data to improve the accuracy and timeliness of national crop acreage forecasts provided by the USDA NASS Croplan	N/A
Decisions 2008	08-DEC08-0025	Crow	Wade T	Enhancing the USDA Global Crop Production Decision Support System with NASA Land Information System and Water Cycle Satellite Observations	Mohr
Decisions 2008	08-DEC08-0026	Daughtry	Craig S. T.	Impacts of Biofuel Development on Carbon Management and Agricultural Conservation Practices	N/A
	08-DEC08-0094	Di	Liping	A national crop progress system based on NASA Earth science results	N/A

Project Portfolio (2)

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Decisions 2008	08-DEC08-0074	Goncalves	Luis G	Integrating NASA Earth Sciences Research results into Decision Support Systems for Agriculture and Water Management in South America	N/A
Decisions 2008	08-DEC08-0120	Hagen	Stephen C	Rangeland Decision Support System: Improving the decision making process at the USDA by incorporating grassland canopy cover estimates derived from MODIS observations and a web-based geospatial data delivery tool	N/A
Decisions 2008	08-DEC08-0093	Rosenzwei		Integration of NASA Models and Missions into Agricultural Decision Support	Mohr
Dacisions 2008	08-DEC08-0050	Teng	William	Improving World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates by Integrating NASA Water Cycle-Related Data and Technologies into USDA World Agricultural Outlook Board Decision Making Environment	Mohr
	08-DEC08-0006	Townsend		Improving BASINS/HSPF predictions of nitrogen export to improve TMDL accuracy using NASA imagery	N/A
Directed 2011	11-Directed-GEO	Justice	Chris	The GEO Global Agriculture Monitoring Task: Supporting the GEOSS vision for an Agricultural Monitoring System of Systems	Melton
	09-LCLUC09-2-0062 ASP	Hansen	Matt	Advancing methods for global crop area estimation	Melton
R&A ROSES	10-CARBON10-0054 - ASP	Goward	Sam	US Forest Disturbance History from Landsat Phase III	N/A
R&A ROSES 2010	10-NPP10-0059	Justice	Chris	Global Agricultural Monitoring: Transitioning NPP VIIRS Observations into the USDA FAS Decision Support System	Melton
	Special Activitie	es		WestFAST	Melton
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Note: CMS Projects not listed (Healey, Brown, Macauley, Duran)



Water Resources in the Earth Science Division



NASA and Earth Science



The NASA Earth Science Division supports basic and applied research on the Earth system and its processes.

Significant efforts are to characterize and understand Earth system processes and to improve predictions of the Earth system.

In the course of Earth science, NASA pursues innovative and practical applications of Earth observations and new scientific knowledge to improve public and private organizations' decision-making activities. **Technology**

Missions

Research

Data Systems

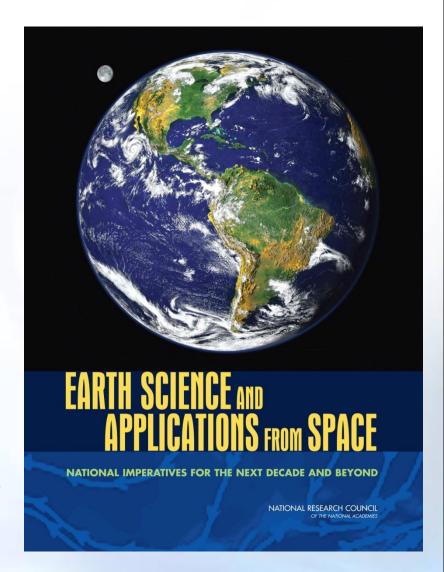
Applications

Earth Science & Applications



The national strategy outlined here has as its overarching objective a program of scientific discovery and development of applications that will enhance economic competitiveness, protect life and property, and assist in the stewardship of the planet for this and future generations.

Earth Science Decadal Survey



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Strategic Role

Lead efforts in building knowledge and developing abilities within the Nation and world on how to effectively apply Earth observations

Research into and development of applications knowledge

- creation of knowledge and understanding of methods
 and processes for applying Earth science to serve society
- Role encompasses the transition of this applied knowledge to organizations (including the private sector) that can directly apply it to solve societal issues

Applied Sciences Program Goals



Goal 1: Enhance Applications Research

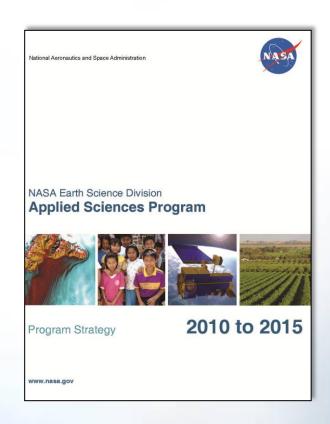
Advance the use of NASA Earth science in policy making, resource management and planning, and disaster response.

Key Actions: Identify priority needs, conduct applied research to generate innovative applications, and support projects that demonstrate uses of NASA Earth science.

Goal 2: Increase Collaboration

Establish a flexible program structure to meet diverse partner needs and applications objectives.

Key Actions: Pursue partnerships to leverage resources and risks and extend the program's reach and impact.



Goal 3: Accelerate Applications

Ensure that NASA's flight missions plan for and support applications goals in conjunction with their science goals, starting with mission planning and extending through the mission life cycle.

Key Actions: Enable identification of applications early in satellite mission lifecycle and facilitate effective ways to integrate end-user needs into satellite mission planning.

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Vision Statement

Public and private organizations routinely and seamlessly integrate Earth observations in their decision making activities and demand additional observation types and Earth science knowledge.

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Strategic Functions (in random order)

- Raise expectations for the use of NASA data and models in policy, management, and business and increase demand for NASA Earth science observations and research;
- Advance Earth science research through enabling applications-oriented feedback on observation products, models, and algorithms from the applied community and end users;
- Engage partners and decision-making organizations, inform them of NASA Earth science and represent them within ESD;
- Promote applications to facilitate use of existing products and creation of new products;
- Pioneer innovative methods for public and private organizations to apply Earth science observations to support the U.S. economy and government services;
- Document socioeconomic benefits attributable to Earth observations and build socioeconomic analysis skills within community.

Program Approach



The Applied Sciences Program funds projects that enable uses of NASA Earth science data in organizations' policy, business, and management decisions.

Applications Areas

The program focuses on economic, health, resource management, and other themes to discover and demonstrate applications targeted at integrating Earth observations in specific decision-making activities. Projects with public and private organizations.

- Applications Projects
- Feasibility Studies
- Applied Research Teams
- Mission Planning Support

Capacity Building

The program sponsors specific activities to build skills, users, and capabilities in the US and developing countries on how to access and apply environmental satellite data to benefit society.

- SERVIR
- DEVELOP & Workforce development
- Gulf of Mexico Initiative
- Training Modules

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Proving-Out Applications:

Demonstration of
Applications Ideas,
Realization of
Socioeconomic Benefits,
and Transitions

- Feasibility Studies
- Applied Research Teams
- Mission Planning Support

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Building Customers:
Creating Opportunities
for New Users &
Organizations to be
Aware and Able to Use
Earth Science

- Guit of Mexico Initiative
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Capacity Building Program

Water-related Projects

Nancy D. Searby, Ph.D.



SMD/ESD Applied Sciences Program - Capacity Building





SERVIR Coordination Office (MSFC)
Building international capacity with hubs in

- East Africa
- Hindu Kush Himalaya
- Mesoamerica



Gulf of Mexico Initiative, GOMI (SSC)
Building Gulf region's capacity for local issues

SERVIR
presented
by
Stephanie
Granger



DEVELOP (LaRC national office)

Dual workforce/local government capacity
building using collaborative projects



Applied Remote SEnsing Training, ARSET (GSFC)
On-line and hands on basic/advanced training to build
domestic skills

DEVELOP National Program



Recent Water Resources Project Activity

Fall 2011

- Choptank/Greensboro Watershed Hydrologic Modeling
- Utilizing SAR to Analyze Flood Events in the Central US
- Hydrologic Modeling of Dammed Lakes Sakakawea and Mead

Spring 2012

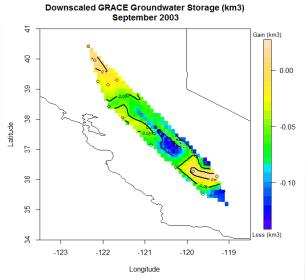
- GRACE Estimates of Groundwater Storage in the Central Valley
- SAR Assessments of Water Extent along Mississippi River Levees
- Early Adoption of Aquarius Data in Coastal Monitoring
- Application of NASA EOS to Mexico City Flood Management
- Ground Water Monitoring in the US-Mexico Border Region Using GRACE
- Monitoring Coastal Pollution Hazards in Southern California with SAR
- Nearshore Stormwater Runoff in the Great Lakes

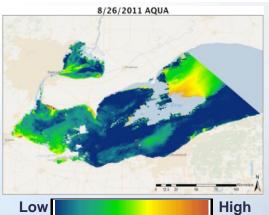
Summer 2012

- Downscaling GRACE data in the Central Valley Aquifer in California
- Incorporating NASA EOS data into Snowmelt Modeling
- Amazon River Plume Analysis Using Aquarius
- Water Management Tools for the Rio San Juan Watershed in Mexico
- Using TRMM to Better Model Floods for the Upper Missouri Basin
- Enhanced Assessment of Flood Risk in Mexico City

Fall 2012 (Planned)

- MODIS-derived EVT Data for the Upper Missouri River Basin
- Nearshore Stormwater Runoff and Water Quality in the Great Lakes
- Monitoring Water Quality in Southern California with Hyperion and SAR
- Surface Moisture Mapping for the Great Dismal Swamp
- Observing Lake Transparency in Northern Alabama
- Potential Impacts of Urban Development on Big Creek Watershed and
- Reservoir Water Quality

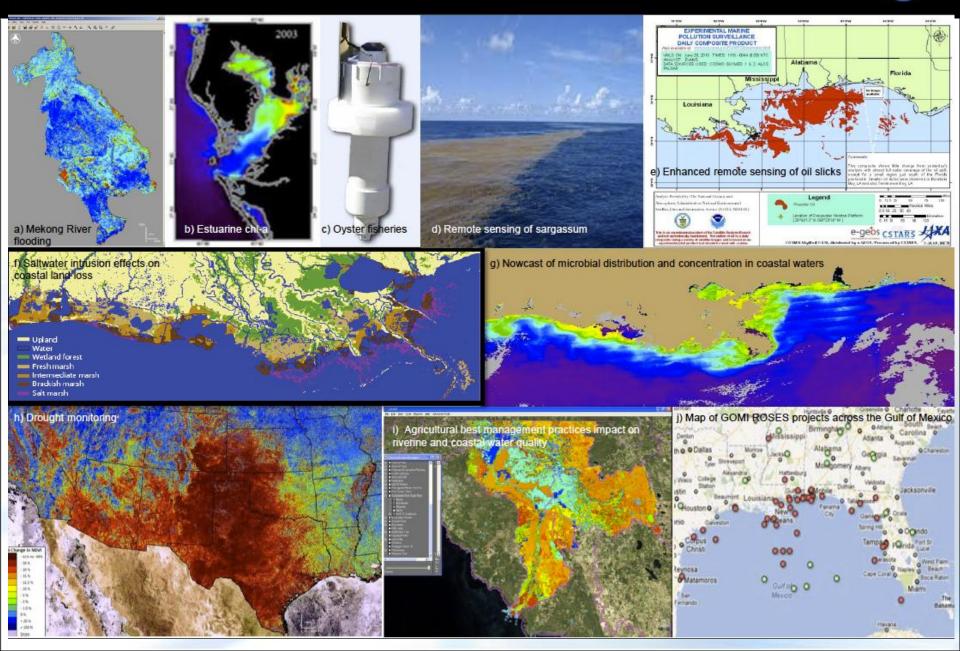




Total Suspended Solids Concentration

SSC & GOMI FY12 Water Projects





Applied Remote Sensing Training (ARSET)

Recent Water Resources Training Activity

- Developed evapotranspiration (ET) training modules: presentations and information from NASA PIs at ARC and GSFC were gathered in preparation for the water resources training in Norman, Oklahoma. These lectures were accompanied by hands-on Case Studies utilizing NASA ET and soil moisture over OK from NLDAS, in conjunction with TRMM precipitation products.
- Water resources basic hands-on training in Norman, Oklahoma on June 19-20, 2012.
 - Key partner agency: National Weather Center, University of Oklahoma. Number of attendees = 24
 - Attendee agencies: Association of Central Oklahoma Governments, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, Weathernews America, Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma Mesonet, Hydros Laboratory (the National Weather Center at the University of Oklahoma), USGS, University of OK, University of OK Center for Spatial Analysis, Langston University (minority university), and Oklahoma State University.
 - Built capacity for flood analysis (TRMM) with model/meteorological data (MERRA) and provided the first ARSET overview presentation on Evapotransporation products. Course included Case Studies specific to drought and flooding in Oklahoma with use of NLDAS soil moisture products.
- Identified potential training venue at the Colorado Water River Users Association Annual meeting in December 2012. Topics: MODIS snow products and the JPL Snow Data Server.
- Snow online course module development on track. Target audience: Colorado and California end-users.
- Researched alternative land and water product visualization tools, e.g. Panoply, HDFViewer,

Status of Other Activities



- CEOS Working Group for Capacity Building and Data Democracy (CEOS WCapD) hosting a flood forecasting workshop incorporating 30 m DEM week of Nov. 5th at RCRMD, Nairobi, Kenya
- Working with US Water Partnership
 - Near-term priorities
 - Water portal (State-funded)
 - Multi-use (water) services (Rockefeller-funded)
 - Water security workshop at State Dep (Skoll Global Threats Fundfunded)



Emphasis in four Applications Areas



Health & Air Quality



Water Resources



Disasters

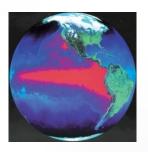


Ecological Forecasting

Seek opportunities to expand to five additional areas



Agriculture



Climate



Weather



Energy



Oceans



Emphasis in four Applications Areas



Health & Air Quality



Water Resources



Disasters



Ecological Forecasting

Formal Applications programs in these areas

Clear, definite goals and investment plans

Distinct Program Manager & Associates

Generating significant applications and transitions as well as in-depth partnerships

Applications that Capacity Building elements can draw on



Ad hoc, informal activities in these areas

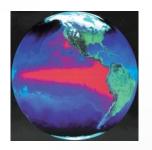
Capacity Building elements can do activities in these areas; however, there won't be as rich an applications base to draw on as in the emphasized Apps Areas

Examples: GEO Agriculture Task National Climate Assessment

Seek opportunities to expand to five additional areas



Agriculture



Climate



Weather



Energy



Oceans

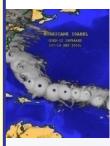


Emphasis in four Applications Areas

Seek opportunities to expand to five additional areas



For all of the Applications Areas, we need to have a ~5-year plan. Plan will be based on market research identifying key needs, and plan will articulate priority activities for ESD/Applied Sciences for the area.



Weather

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For Emphasized Areas:

- Plan articulates what we will do and when, such as solicitations, to address key needs and priorities



For Additional Areas:

- Plan articulates what we would do if ESD had a application area in this topic



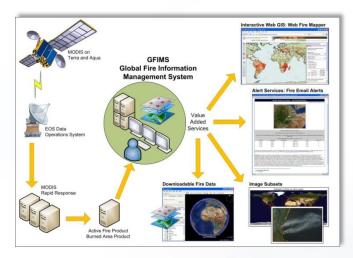


Applications: Project Examples

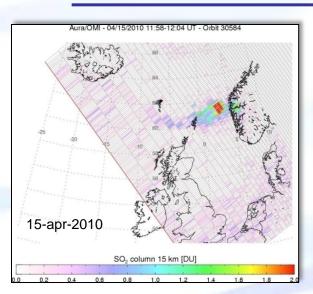


Global active fire locations from MODIS Fire/Thermal Anomalies product are process in rapid response. SMS/text messages sent out to emails & cell phones with key info (fire coordinates, time, distance to reference point). For example, park managers use alerts to reduce illegal clearing and respond to wildfires.

August 2010: Transitioned to UN FAO for on-going operational support.



System Configuration



OMI SO₂ – Iceland Volcano

Projects developed and demonstrated reliable detection of volcanic ash clouds using Aura/OMI SO2 data and other NASA Earth science satellite sensors. Proven utility led to its operational use by NOAA to formulate Volcanic Ash Advisories. Products used extensively in Iceland volcano eruption in April 2010.

February 2011: The NASA satellite data were used to produce volcanic ash advisories for aviators across the Gulf of Mexico due to the Feb.1 eruption of the Popocatepetl volcano in Mexico.



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Discovering Innovative & Practical Applications of NASA Earth Science





Earth Science Serving Society

The Applied Sciences Program promotes and funds activities to discover and demonstrate innovative uses and practical benefits of NASA Earth science data, scientific knowledge, and technology. The Programs portfolio of projects deliver results in applying NASA Earth science to support improvements in aviation safety, malaria early warning, agricultural productivity, water management, earthquake response, and many other important topics.

The Applied Sciences Program partners with public and private organizations on ways to apply data from NASA's environmental satellites and scientific findings in their decision-making activities and services, helping to improve the quality of life and strengthen the economy.



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News & Events

Applications Areas

Capacity Building

Federation of Earth Science Information Partners



Application Areas



The Program focuses on economic, health, natural resources, and other themes to support both applied research and targeted, decision-support projects in 9 areas of national priority.

Disasters	Agriculture	
Ecological Forecasting	Climate	
Health & Air Quality	Energy	
Water Resources	Oceans	
	Weather	



Performance and Reporting

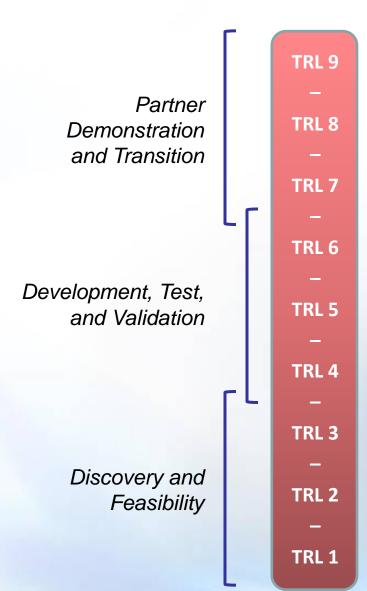


Applications Readiness Levels



ARLs

- 9. Approved, Operational Deployment and Use in Decision Making.
- 8. Application Completed and Qualified.
- 7. Application Prototype in Partners' Decision Making.
- 6. Demonstrate in Relevant Environment.
- 5. Validation in Relevant Environment.
- 4. Initial Integration and Verification (in Laboratory Environment).
- 3. Proof of Application Concept.
- 2. Application Concept.
- 1. Basic Research.

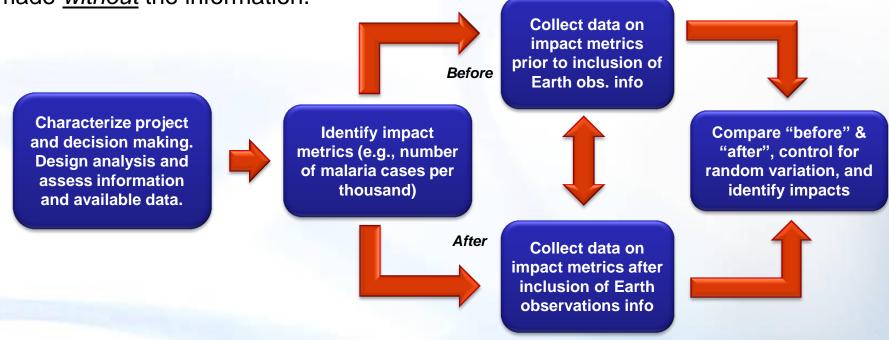


Impact Analyses



General Approach

The analysis used an adapted expected value of information (VI) methodology to assess the benefits. The value of information is a function of the benefits that result from a decision <u>with</u> information compared to the decision that would have been made <u>without</u> the information.



Using this approach, the value of information provided by a project would be:

Value of Earth obs. info = (Outcome with information – Outcome without information)

Cyclic Program Activities – Reports



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Goals of Project Reporting Guidelines



Project planning

- Document project products and outcomes
- Formulate project roles and responsibilities
- Develop project schedule
- Outline communications plans within project and with partner
- Establish project metrics, which address partner needs
- Baseline project metrics
- Incorporate Applications Readiness Levels (ARLs) into documentation
- Prepare for a sustainable transition to the partner/user at end of project

Project Assessment

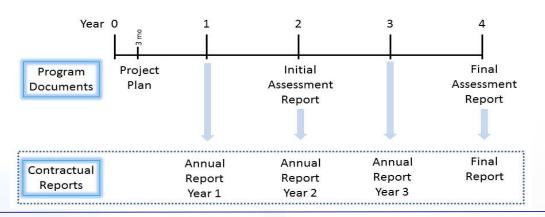
- Communicate project progress to NASA and within project
- Understand what's working, level of partner satisfaction, obstacles
- Map ARL progress
- Track project movement toward transition to the partner
- Capture lessons learned
- Provide partner with document translating how project got to this point

Report Timing



Major Program Milestones

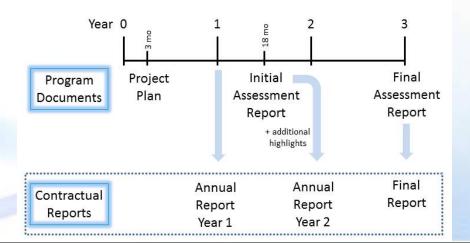
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Major Program Milestones

+ Alignment with Annual Reports

(Three-year Awards)



SMD/ESD Applied Sciences Program Water Resources



Objective/Scope

Discovers and demonstrates applied uses of Earth Observations that address policy and decision processes related to water supply and demand. The Water Resources program funds applied research and applications projects in key functional categories; such as irrigation, flow and flood forecasting, drought monitoring, water quality, snow melt, and climate impacts.

Major partners and end-users: DOI, NOAA, USACE, DOS, State DWR's, Local Water Authorities, Intl-NGOs.

Upcoming events:

- ROSES 2012-13 Solicitation
- ROSES 2011 Feas. trans to Dec.

Key Programmatic Interfaces

Intra-agency.

- -Water-Energy Cycle Research
- -Missions: SWOT, SMAP, LDCM, GRACE-FO/II

Inter-agency.

- Multiple Federal Agencies
- Western States Water Council/WestFAST
- -Surface Water and Water Quality Subcommittee (CENRS)

International.

- USAID
- -Agriculture and Water Tasks, Group on Earth Observations
- DOS Water

Accomplishments

US Drought Monitor. Project reached milestone to integrate GRACE-based indicators into US Drought Monitor for monthly drought maps used in disaster payments, tax deferrals, etc.

Global Lake/Reservoir Monitor. Developed a system to extract height changes of major in-land reservoirs from radar altimetry measurements from Jason/TOPEX now utilized by USDA, USAID and multiple other agencies including DoD. NASA's SWOT mission will continue effort.

Global Agriculture Monitoring. Enhanced the capability of USDA to monitor global agriculture commodities for US market price discovery by seamlessly integrating NASA earth observation data and science into its process for determining this Principle Federal Economic Indicator.

Major Issues

- A. Integrate Deputy Program Application Leads into SMAP, SWOT, and GRACE-FO mission development activities.
- B. ROSES 2012 Solicitation.
- B. Project/budget tracking system as well.
- C. Water Resource challenges rising around the globe.

Historic U.S. Drought in 2012

Global Water Supply-Demand gaps turning in to more and more societal impacts (e.g. food, energy, political strain, ...)

Methods for Communicating Successes, News, and Events



- News Features
- Website
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- Highlights
- Print Materials
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Questions

